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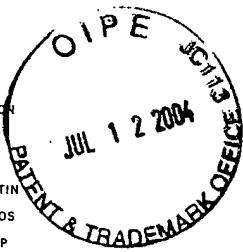
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Dear Mr. Lin:

Enclosed for your files is a copy of the Information Disclosure Statement that we have recently filed in connection with the above-identified patent application. We have filed this paper in satisfaction of our obligation to file a statement listing the patents, publications, or other information of which we are aware which may be material to the subject matter of the application.

This is a continuing obligation. As you know, failure to bring to the attention of the United States Patent and Trademark Office all material of which we become aware that is relevant to the subject matter of the patent application could result in invalidation of any patent which subsequently issues. Accordingly, if, during the pendency of this application, you or your client become aware of any other references or publications that you think might be material to the subject matter of this application, we ask that you forward them to us. We will then proceed to prepare and file a supplemental disclosure statement, if necessary.

We appreciate the opportunity to assist you in connection with this matter, and will, of course, continue to keep you advised of further developments. In the meantime, should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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